1	2	3
	Arunachal Pradesh	3371
	Manipur	1748
	Meghalaya	5420
	Mizoram	294
	Nagaland	930
	Tripura	198
16.	Orissa	39407
17.	Punjab	8862
	Chandigarh	14
18.	Rajasthan	28216
19.	Tamil Nadu	6318
	Pondicherry	233
20.	Uttarakhand	13265
21.	Uttar Pradesh	84542
22.	West Bengal	30271
	Andaman Nicobar	415
	Sikkim	250
	TOTAL:	471955

Growth rate of BSNL

†454. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the increase in the number of subscribers of the cellular service provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is not increasing in comparison to private sector companies;

(b) if so, the monthly growth rate of public sector company during past months in the year 2006 and 2007 in this regard;

(c) the growth rate of private sector companies during the said period; and

(d) the assessment regarding financial loss to the public sector company due to the said decline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Growth of BSNL Cellular subscriber has been slow in recent months as compared to private sector companies.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) Growth rate of BSNL for the period August, 2006 to June, 2007 is given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) Growth rate of private sector companies for the period August 2006 to June 2007 is given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) BSNL's loss is merely an account of opportunity lost and cannot be construed as revenue loss.

Statement-I

Growth Rate of BSNL

Month	GSM Subscriber Base of BSNL (All India)	Monthly Growth in Percentage
August-06	20,063,294	7.27
September-06	20,936,273	4.35
October-06	22,054,054	5.34
November-06	22,973,238	4.17
December-06	23,618,551	2.81
January-07	24,442,364	3.49
February-07	25,444,271	4.10
March-07	27,428,658	7.80
April-07	27,754,975	1.19
May-07	27,994,357	0.86
June-07	28,423,283	1.53

Statement-II

Growth Rate of Private Sector Companies

Month	GSM Subscriber Base of Private (All India)	Monthly Growth in Percentage
August-06	64,291,851	5.14
September-06	67,787,071	5.44
October-06	71,361,967	5.27
November-06	75,435,821	5.71
December-06	79,382,098	5.23
January-07	83,515,095	5.21
February-07	87,273,544	4.50
March-07	90,295,129	3.46
Apri l-07	94,603,175	4.77
May-07	99,582,140	5.26
June-07	104,764,122	5.20